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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

GREENE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD AT

SWEET WATER BAPTIST CHURCH

LEAKESVILLE, MISS.

ROUTE A

OCTOBER, 17TH, 18TH, 19TH, 1924

MODERATOR _____ A. R. Loftin, McLain, Miss.

SECRETARY-TREASURER _____ Joe Walley, Richton, Miss., Rt. 1

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

NEXT MEETING will be held with Royce Baptist Church, Royce, Miss.
October 16, 1925.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

D. P. Lankford, State Line, Miss; O. U. Sullivan, Neely, Miss.;
M. W. Ball, Leakesville, Miss., Rt. A.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Church	Member	Address
Avery	Rumsey Pendley	Avery, Miss.
Antioch	Eugene Williams	Leakesville, Miss., Rt. A.
Bethany	A. A. Huggins	Fruitdale, Ala.
Cedar Grove	C. L. Kittrell	Leakesville, Miss., Rt. A.
County Line	David Kittrell	State Line, Miss.
Fellowship	Roy Kittrell	State Line, Miss.
Johnson Creek	Harmon Brewer	State Line, Miss.
Leaf	J. C. Daughdrill	Leaf, Miss.
Leakesville	J. E. Miller	Leakesville, Miss.
McLain	D. D. Draughdrill	McLain, Miss.
Piave	E. W. James	Piave, Miss.
Macedonia	Taylor Williams	Fruitdale, Ala.
Pleasant Hill	J. M. Turner	Richton, Miss., Rt. 4.
Sand Hill	R. L. Walley	Richton, Miss., Rt. 1.
Sweetwater	W. J. Turner	Leakesville, Miss., Rt. A.
Salem	J. C. Henderson	Richton, Miss., Rt. 5.
Salem (East)	J. W. Mills	Leakesville, Miss.
Unity	E. M. Ball	Leakesville, Miss., Rt. A.
Washington	J. B. Daughdrill	Neely, Miss.
Indian Hill	Connil Davis	Richton, Miss., Rt. 1.
Royce	A. S. Cochran	Royce, Miss.
Camp Tatum	Rufus Posey	Denco, Miss.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Appointment of Reading Clerks.
3. Appointment Finance Committee.
4. Reading of Church Letters.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Appointment of Program Committee.
7. Reading the Rules of Decorum.
8. Call for Petitionary Letters.
9. Call for Correspondence.
10. Call for General Business.
11. Call for Reports on Publications.
12. Call for Report on Ministerial Relief.
13. Call for Report on Orphanage.
14. Call for Report on Education.
15. Call for Report on Music.
16. Call for Report on W. M. U. Work.
17. Call for Report on B. Y. P. U. Work.
18. Call for Report on 1925 Budget.
19. Call for Report on Missions.
20. Call for Report on Temperance.
21. Call for Report on Memorials.
22. Call for Report on Sunday Schools.
23. Call for Report of Executive Board.
24. Call for Report on Resolutions.
25. Call for Report on Requests and nominations.
26. Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS

Leakesville, Miss., R. A.
October 17th, 1924.

The Eighth Annual Session of the Greene County Baptist Association convened this day, with the Sweet Water Baptist Church, with Brother Joe Walley, Moderator, and J. C. Henderson, Acting Secretary. The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 11 o'clock, and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. J. Hedgepeth, after which Rev. A. L. O'Bryant preached the introductory sermon.

The Association was then adjourned until 1:30 o'clock p. m.

FIRST DAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association convened according to adjournment and after prayer by Rev. A. R. Loftin, the Moderator proceeded to organize for business. Brethren John D. Turner, J. W. Mills and Alfred Smith were appointed as a Finance Committee. On motion the Association ordered that the reading of the church letters be dispensed with, and that the Finance Committee be authorized to digest said church letters and report its findings to the Association. The delegates from the various churches were then ~~generally~~ seated as follows:

Avera, Harry Taylor; Antioch, D. R. Williams; County Line, W. M. Smith and L. L. Smith; Bethany, A. A. Huggins; Cedar Grove, R. D. Cochran, Leonard Turner and Alfred Smith; Fellowship, Curtis Kittrell and Joe James; Johnson Creek, By letter only; Indian Hill, Albert Jones and A. C. Davis; Leaf, B. C. Daughdrill; Leakesville, J. E. Miller, Mrs. J. W. Backstrom, and Mrs. Wiley Evans; McLain, D. D. Daughdrill; Macedonia, Not represented by delegates nor letter; Piave, E. W. James, J. O. Ferguson, Mrs. L. N. Varnado and T. J. Miller; Pleasant Hill, W. W. Webb and J. F. Brewer; Sand Hill, Miss Addie Mae Walley; Sweet Water, W. J. Neel, J. T. Miller and Sylvanus Turner; Royce, A. S. Cochran, P. L. Fineash and C. L. Stuckey; Salem (East), J. W. Mills, T. W. Beard and James Byrd; Salem, J. C. Henderson and Nathan Brewer; Unity, Alex Ball, Y. D. Walley and L. A. Cooley; Washington, J. P. Daughdrill and Charles Hillman; Camp Tatum, Rufus Posey and Alcus Johnson, and the Association went into the election of officers for the year 1925, and Rev. A. R. Loftin, of McLain, Miss., was duly elected Moderator, and Joe Walley, of Richton, Miss., R. F. D. No. 1, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Moderator then appointed Rev. Eugene Stephens and the Deacons of Sweet Water Church as the Program Committee.

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The Rules of Decorum were then read by the Moderator.

Petitionary letters were then called for, when a letter certifying the organization of the Camp Tatum Baptist Church, and praying to be admitted into the Association was presented. On investigation it was found that the said Camp Tatum Church was duly organized, and was of the regular Baptist faith and order. Therefore, on motion, the said Camp Tatum Church was duly admitted and her delegates seated. A call for correspondence was then made and the Moderator recognized the following corresponding messengers: E. J. Rhodes from George County Association, L. E. Lightsey from Bay Springs Association, J. L. Jackson from Mobile County (Ala.) Association, J. J. Hedgepeth and W. P. Sandifer from the Simpson County Association, T. W. Green from the Hinds County Association, Miss M. M. Lackey, State W. M. U. Secretary, Mrs. M. L. Emery, District W. M. U. Organizer, Mrs. A. R. Loftin and R. F. Loftin from the Perry County Association.

On motion the reports on 75 million Campaign, State, Home, and Foreign Missions were combined, and it was ordered that only one committee be appointed and that said committee make its report so as to cover fully all these phases of missions.

The Association adjourned until 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Association convened at 9:30 o'clock, with all officers present, and was called to order by the Moderator. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. L. E. Lightsey. The Moderator then announced his committee appointments as follows:

PUBLICATIONS, L. E. Lightsey, Y. D. Walley, Sylvanus Turner, Curtis Kittrell.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF, P. L. Fineash, T. W. Beard, and Leonard Turner.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE, J. C. Henderson, J. F. Brewer, L. A. Cooley and R. D. Cochran.

EDUCATION, Eugene Stephens, Alex Ball, James Byrd and Mrs. Wiley Evans.

MUSIC, R. F. Loftin, A. C. Davis and J. T. Miller.

W. M. U. WORK, Mrs. J. W. Backstrom and Miss Addie Mae Walley.

B. Y. P. U. WORK, Harry Taylor, Joe James, W. M. Smith and Albert Jones.

MISSIONS, A. L. O'Bryant, W. J. Neel, Eugene Stephens and C. L. Stucky.

TEMPERANCE, B. C. Daughdrill, Chas. Hillman, D. R. Williams, and J. O. Ferguson.

MEMORIALS, J. E. Miller, J. W. Mills and Alfred Smith.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS, J. B. Daughdrill, Nathan Brewer, A. S. Cochran and Rufus Posey.

RESOLUTIONS, J. E. Miller, Mrs. L. N. Varnado and L. L. Smith.

REQUESTS AND NOMINATIONS, Alex Ball, J. W. Mills and J. B. Daughdrill.

The Moderator then appointed the Executive Board of the Association, the names and address of each member of which you will see on page 2 of this minute.

On motion it was ordered by the Association that 300 copies of minutes be printed for distribution among the churches.

On motion it was ordered by the Association, that Joe Walley, Secretary-Treasurer be allowed the sum of (\$20.00) twenty dollars to compensate him for his service as Secretary-Treasurer.

The Association adjourned until 1:30 o'clock P. M.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association convened again according to adjournment, and after prayer by Rev. Eugene Stephens, the body was called to order by Moderator A. R. Loftin. The report of the Committee on Publications was called for and after discussion by Rev. L. E. Lightsey, A. L. O'Bryant and others the same was adopted as read. (Look under the heading Subject Matter of Reports) for report. The Committees on Ministerial Relief, Baptist Orphanage, Education, Music, W. M. U. and B. Y. P. U. Work made their reports. The same were discussed by the various chairmen and others and then adopted as read.

On motion it was ordered by the Association that the date of the organization of the Greene County Association as appears from the number of sessions of Associations indicated in the minutes be set back four years so as to agree with the facts in the case, and that this shall be known and recorded as the 8th annual session of said Association.

At this time the financial report of the ex-Secretary-Treasurer was read and the balance as set forth in said report not being turned over to the present Secretary-Treasurer, the attention of the Association was called to this fact. There then arose a discussion as to the correctness of some items of said report, and the Moderator was directed by the body to appoint a committee to investigate the correct-

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ness of the report, and Brethren J. D. Turner, J. C. Henderson and E. W. James were appointed on this committee and instructed by the Association to make their report to the chairman of the Executive Committee. The Association adjourned until 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

Pursuant to adjournment the Association was convened at 9:30 o'clock by the Moderator, and the devotional exercises were conducted by Brother R. F. Loftin.

The report of Committee on Sunday Schools was called for and was read by the Secretary. After much discussion the report with slight amendment was adopted.

The report on Missions was next called for, and was read by Rev. A. L. O'Bryant, chairman of the Committee. The report was discussed in a very able manner by Brethren A. L. O'Bryant, Eugene Stephens, T. W. Green and A. R. Loftin and adopted as read. An offering was taken for Brother J. L. Jackson, which amounted to \$19.56.

The Association then adjourned until 2:00 o'clock P. M.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association convened according to adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator. Rev. O. U. Sullivan conducted the devotional exercises. The report of the Committee on Requests and Nominations was called for and after the same was amended adopted.

The reports of the Committees on Temperance, Memorials and Resolutions were read and after proper discussion adopted as read.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Royce Baptist Church, Royce, Miss., on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1925.

A. R. LOFTIN, Moderator.

JOE WALLEY, Sec'y and Treas.

SUBJECT MATTER OF REPORTS**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS**

God said, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Knowledge is food for the mind and soul. If it is bad knowledge, it poisons the mind and dries up the soul, but if good, then there will be growth and health. If good health can be brought about then there will be energy and activity. To this end we have the Baptist Record,

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our own paper, published at Jackson, Mississippi, on our own printing press, that gives information about the work of our state and all facts in general, our Home and Foreign Fields, Royal Service, World's Comrades and Orphanage Gem. Because of much poison literature that is being scattered all over our country, we need to see that our people get the best possible literature. Last and greatest of all let us stay by the Bible, the revealed will of God. May we not only have it in our homes but let us use it daily, that we may save our homes from false teaching that is being broadcasted over our country.

L. E. LIGHTSEY, Chairman.
SYLVANUS TURNER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

As people grow old and helpless, they need the help and care of loved ones and friends. So do the aged and infirm ministers of the Gospel. We believe the old ministers who have given their time and the better part of their lives for the service of our Lord and Master, are worthy of our greatest sympathy and material assistance. We should endeavor to aid them in any way we can. It is our duty and should be our pleasure to support them, so they will be comfortable and contented in their declining days. Brethren, let us pray for them and support them in such a great way that their last days may be the sweetest and happiest days of their lives. As they have done their work well and faithfully, many of them under adverse conditions, let us substantially remember these old heroes of the Cross by paying our pledges to the 75 Million Campaign that their allowance may be increased.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. H. WEBB.

LEONARD TURNER.

T. W. BEARD.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

We give the following facts about the Baptist Orphanage for the past year. We have had an average of 170 children during the year. The health of the children have been good. We have had no deaths and only a few cases of sickness. Our crop has been greatly damaged by the dry weather. Our finances are unusually short. We have had to borrow already \$2,000 and will likely have to borrow two or three thousand dollars more, unless our brethren come up promptly with their pledges to the 75 Million Campaign. We have had an unusual number of applications for the last few weeks and it looks now like we will have to run to full capacity next year. We are complet-

ing the superintendent's home, a two story brick building, estimated to cost \$10,000; but by doing much of the work ourselves, it will cost much less. The building will add much to the Orphanage property and it completes the general plan of the Orphanage plant. Fortunately we had the money laid aside for this building and we think we will be able to pay for it when it is completed. We hope our brethren will remember us and help in our effort to care for our children and enable us to come out in good shape this year.

J. C. HENDERSON, Chairman.

L. A. COOLY.

J. F. BREWER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION OR OUR DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS.

Mississippi College

Mississippi College was founded in 1826. In 1850 it came under Baptist control. The history of the old College is a glorious one. Eighty-five of our choicest young men and young women were in last year's graduating class. The enrollment last session was 416 college students in regular session and 2206 during the summer term, not counting any one student twice, the total enrollment was 522. Fifteen thousand dollars was spent for general improvement last session. An A-1 Sunday School with an average attendance of 485, with seven organized classes for Mississippi College men were largely attended by students. Mississippi College is a member of Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, thus giving her a standing with other colleges and universities not hitherto enjoyed. There are six college B. Y. P. U.'s. Eight young men during the session answered the call to preach. Mississippi College needs an administration building and her endowment increased to \$1,000,000.00.

Mississippi Woman's College

The Woman's College began its work twelve years ago. Two wooden buildings and a faculty of eight made up the equipment and the working force. Today the faculty numbers 35. Campus contains 40 acres. There are eight commodious buildings. At Richmond, Virginia, last December, the Woman's College was placed on the Second List of Schools and Colleges, thus giving her graduates the privilege of teaching in any of the high schools in the country. In the religious work the College has retained its leading position. Woman's College prides itself upon the excellence of its special departments of Piano, Voice, Violin, Speech Art, Home Economics, Art, and Business. The

home life of the Woman's College community is charming. Board and literary tuition in fireproof dormitories, two students in a room with adjoining bath is \$320.00 per session. Board and literary tuition in Dockery Hall, industrial plan, \$206.00 per session. The Woman's College needs a \$500,000.00 endowment.

Blue Mountain College

Blue Mountain College opened her fifty-second annual session September 17th. She is better prepared than ever before to give proper conveniences and thorough training. The library, laboratories, grounds, course of study and faculty were investigated a year ago by a representative of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and were approved and the College was placed upon the Second List of said Association. This means that the graduates of the Blue Mountain College can secure professional license to teach in all the public schools of Mississippi for life. It also means that the best high schools of the South are open to them as teachers. Special advantages are offered to them in Piano, Pipe Organ, Violin, Voice, Expression, Home Economics, Art, and in the Standard Studies looking toward B. A. Degree. Blue Mountain needs an administration building, and a one-half million dollar endowment. Prospects are bright for its fifty-second annual session. We think we have found a treasure in our new business manager, Hon. C. C. White. Dr. E. B. Hatcher heads the department of Christian Education and is doing splendid work in the religious training.

Clark Memorial College

Clark College is our co-educational Junior College. Four years of accredited high school work and four years of college work are offered. Brothers and sisters are permitted to attend college together, to study side by side. Regular study hours are observed. Religious influence is fine. A standard Y. W. A. has been maintained during the sessions. B. Y. P. U. made an average of 99 4-5. Splendid course is offered in Bible, strong literary societies. The old administration building was lost by fire. A new \$50,000.00 fireproof building is now being constructed. The prospects are fine for this session. Clark College needs a \$250,000.00 endowment.

Hillman College

Although Hillman is a private school, it was founded by Baptists, is owned by Baptists, is endorsed by Baptist State convention and is

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located in the center of Baptist influences. Tuition free to wives and daughters of Baptist preachers. Director of music one of the best educated in music in the south. All other departments are headed by specialists. Religious advantages in Clinton are the very best. Hillman does not ask for aid, but only the interest, prayers and patronage of the people she is serving.

The above mentioned schools are in our State and almost at our doors. They, together with the Bible Institute and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary should have our earnest support and patronage.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE STEPHENS,, Chairman.

E. M. BALL.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MUSIC

The value of music and the song service in connection with church worship, can not be overestimated. The music selection used in the song service should be in keeping with the theme of the sermon and should be considered a part of (and not preliminary to the sermon, and of as much importance. Care should be exercised in selecting a choir leader or director, and in the selection of good Baptist song books. The best results can be obtained by letting the church have a voice in selecting these, also in the selection of a singing school teacher. As music plays a vital part in the life of the church and its various auxiliaries each church should have: 1st, a good, competent choir leader; 2nd, a good organist or pianist, and 3rd, a good instrument.

Young people generally take an active, leading part in these song services, and it can be readily seen that the better they are made, the more young people will be reached and become interested in church activities. We, therefore, recommend that each church, some time during the year, select a good Baptist music teacher to conduct a class in music and singing for as many days as is convenient. We further recommend that this Association select from Green County one boy or girl who is apt in music, of good character, and who desires to study and learn more about Gospel music, and either finance or help finance, his or her way through the School of Gospel Music at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, also to aid in every way possible this student when in school or out.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. LOFTIN, Chairman.

J. T. MILLER.

A. C. DAVIS.

T. J. MILLER.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON W. M. U. WORK

The Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi is most interested in the completion of the 75 Million Campaign and expects to complete what they have begun. During this year the W. M. U. has organized work in 64 associations. There are 770 Woman's Missionary Societies and 651 Young People's Auxiliaries, making a total of 1,421 organizations. The chief aims of these organizations are, prayer, Mission and Bible study, personal service, and soul winning. Ten thousand seals and nearly 3,000 certificates have been awarded for mission study. The W. M. U. is greatly interested in securing funds for scholarships for young women anxious to finish their college course, and enter training school. The churches are, therefore, asked to encourage this work by making donations through the W. M. S.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) J. W. BACKSTROM, Chairman.

(Miss) ADDIE MAE WALLEY.

NOTE.—A County W. M. U. was organized with the following officers, to-wit: Mrs. W. C. Churchwell, Superintendent, Leakesville, Miss.; Mrs. D. C. Mills, Secretary, Leakesville, Miss.; Mrs. J. W. Backstrom, Mission Study Leader, Leakesville, Miss.; Mrs. W. W. Evans, Personal Service Leader, Leakesville, Miss.; Mrs. J. W. Mills, Stewardship Leader, Leakesville, Miss.; Mrs. Arthur Turner, Young People's Leader, Leakesville, Miss.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON B. Y. P. U. WORK

The number of Unions in the State has increased from 700 to 925 since the last report. This is a very gratifying growth and should stimulate Baptists to press forward to greater effort. In our search through the several church letters submitted we find only five B. Y. P. U.'s reported in the Greene County Association, an increase of two over the last report. A very small increase, however, but it shows we are catching the B. Y. P. U. spirit gradually. The necessity of well organized B. Y. P. U.'s is obvious. When we take into consideration the need of trained leadership among the Young People of our churches. Would our nation trust its army to the leadership of an untrained general? We say, No, because there is too much money invested and too many lives inspired. How much more important then is it to have men and women specially trained to lead and direct our young people to higher standards of Christian living, and train them especially for public service in kingdom work. B. Y. P. U.'s furnish an excellent opportunity for young people to spend the afternoons and evenings of Sunday in both a pleasant and profitable manner, which otherwise might be spent along the trails of worldly pleasure that so often lead to heartdending shame and disgrace. Last but not least, it trains the young Christians for more efficient service to his fellow man and his Creator.

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We urge that all the B. Y. P. U.'s adhere strictly to the regulations of the manual, in order that they may receive full recognition in the Association. We further urge the churches of this Association to organize B. Y. P. U.'s in order that the young converts might have the training they so much need and deserve.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY TAYLOR, Chairman.

J. W. JAMES.

W. M. SMITH.

ALBERT JONES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

(State Missions.)

The State Board in its annual session, December, 1923, laid out the work for the year 1924 on a basis which called for the expenditure of \$130,000.00 for State mission work. Since State missions receive only 19 per cent of the total amount raised, it will be necessary to raise this year more than five times that amount in order for us to receive the \$130,000.00. This will give you some idea of the immensity of the task.

The Board is assisting the churches not self-supporting, in the paying of the salaries of seventy-two pastors in different parts of the State. This amount assists one hundred and twenty-five churches. We have had in the field four regular district enlistment men. We now have five regular Sunday School workers with several assistants during the summer months doing county institute work. We have two regular B. Y. P. U. workers with two extras for a part of the summer season. The W. M. U. has two regular workers.

Other items of expense in connection with the State Board's work are expense of the Board meeting, printing the State convention minutes, State Convention meeting, School of Evangelism, Mid-winter Bible School at New Orleans, work among the negroes, the Kreoles and the Indians, the ministerial students fund, Religious work in State colleges, seminaries and training schools fund, Good Will Center work, and the salary of \$720.00 a year to Dr. A. V. Rowe, who is Secretary Emeritus.

Statistics of interest to Mississippi Baptists:

Number of Baptist Churches, 1,547.

Number of Church members, 186,447.

Number of Sunday Schools, 1,157.

Enrollment in Sunday Schools, 95,850.

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Woman's Missionary Societies, 770.
Total W. M. U. organizations, 1,587.
Value of Church property, \$4,767,871.00.
Baptisms in Mississippi during the campaign, 51,846.
Contributions during four years to home uses, \$2,972,731.87.
Contributions to Missions and benevolences, \$1,680,648.85.
Appropriations to pastoral support, \$101,546.14.
Appropriations to Church buildings, \$68,926.77.

The Seventy-five Million Campaign

The most important work before our churches the remainder of this year is, first, the payment in full of the 75 Million Campaign pledge at least by the last day of December, for we are not going to reckon with the pledges after the close of the year. The second is the putting on of the 1925 program. This consists of making pledges to the seven great causes which have been cared for by means of the 75 Million Campaign funds. The pledges are to be made from November the 30th to December the 7th inclusive. The payments will begin January 1st and be continued throughout the year 1925. We lack up to August 1st about \$715,000.00 of having raised our quota and about \$1,520,000.00 of having raised our pledge. It is possible for us to raise this amount by the end of the year. There is an expressed determination on the part of many to pay every cent they pledged. As a result of the 75 Million Campaign we have been enabled to do and are doing great things in the advancement of the Master's Kingdom.

We have on foreign fields the following:

Five hundred and forty missionaries.
Two thousand eight hundred and twenty native missionaries.
Eight hundred and ninety-one churches.
One hundred and three thousand three hundred and twenty-eight church members.
Two hundred and eleven self supporting churches.
Amount contributed to Foreign Fields, \$437,568.00.
Baptisms per year, 12,611.
Sunday Schools, 1,437.
Day schools, 796.
Students in day schools, 32,789.
Number of hospitals increased 21 per cent.
Treatments in hospitals increased 61 per cent.
Number of beds have increased 104 per cent.

Home Missions

In the Home Field our church building loan fund have aided hundreds of churches in their building program. We have been able to aid in the establishment of the great Tuberculosis Sanatorium at El Paso, Texas.

Our mountain schools have been better equipped where we have

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more than 5,000 boys and girls enrolled. We have purchased a good site for a mission school and chapel in Cuba. We have established a Seaman's Institute at Jacksonville, Fla. We have enlarged our work among foreigners and Indians. Through the enlistment men, evangelists, and missionaries. 173,602 Baptisms have been administered. New Sunday Schools organized, 2,698 and have aided in the building or improvement of 1,874 houses of worship.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. O'BRYANT, Chairman.

EUGENE STEPHENS.

W. J. NEEL.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE OR LAW ENFORCEMENT

The observance of law is the foundation stone or bed rock of a republic, and is therefore very vital to its citizenry. No man has the right to select the laws he desires to observe, and violate those that do not suit him, as the result of such a false conception of one's duty, tends to chaos, confusion and discontentment. Therefore, we, your committee, call upon the churches of the Green County Association to raise their voices in protest against law violation and the shameful disorder prevalent in some sections of our county. To this end we hereby pledge our hearty support to the sheriff and other law enforcement officers. We call upon the good women and men of every denomination to give their best influence in aiding the courts, our officers and investigating bodies in the suppression of crime particularly the crime of unlawfully making, selling, and drinking intoxicating liquors.

We also deplore the tendency of some of our people to break down the Bible standards of morality, the result of which tends to weaken and destroy modesty and virtue. We particularly protest against late automobile riding at night without a chaperone, modern dancing, mixed and indiscriminate bathing.

Brethren, if we do not protect our children, our homes and our country, what will our future be?

Respectfully submitted,

B. C. DAUGHDRILL, Chairman.

D. R. WILLIAMS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS

We your committee on Memorials beg leave to submit this as our report. We find that the scythe of time and disease has been busy in our association during the year, and the grim monster death has

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removed from our midst the following named brethren and sisters, namely: W. W. Walley, Calvin Byrd, John D. Freeman, Homer Byrd, and Sam Ball; Sisters Sallie Brewer, Nellie Moody, Mary Clifton, Martha Davis, Ethel Roberts, and Margarette Patrick. These brethren and sisters were firm in the faith and we know that our loss has added to the inhabitants of heaven.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. MILLER, Chairman.

MRS. L. N. VARNADO.

ALCUS JOHNSON.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT YEAR 1924**Receipts**

Balance on hand 1923	\$ 24.24
Associational purposes	85.95
Foreign missions	14.00
Home missions	5.49
State missions	20.00
Total receipts	\$149.68

Disbursements

Paid for printing minutes	\$ 58.70
Paid Secretary-Treasurer	15.00
Paid State Secretary missions collected	39.49
Postage and stationery	9.55
Balance on hand	26.94
	\$149.68

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. TURNER, Sec'y-Teas.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We are glad to report that the Sunday Schools are doing a great work in our State, and we believe that there is a still greater work for them to do. We find that there are 1,445 Sunday Schools in the State, an increase of 144 over last year. We find that State Sunday School enrollment is 120,146, an increase of 24,296 over last year. Number of awards during the year 4,167, number of Blue Seals 116, number of Diplomas given 1,227. We want to urge the churches of this Association which do not have Sunday Schools to organize during the next year. We desire to urge all the Sunday Schools of this Association to

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give special attention to the senior and adult departments. If you fail to enlist the men and women, we will lose the boys and girls.

Respectfully submitted,

RUFUS POSEY, Chairman.

J. B. DAUGHDRILL.

NATHAN BREWER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We your committee on resolutions, submit the following resolutions for your consideration:

Resolution No. 1, by A. R. Loftin

Whereas, the State Convention Board has field workers representing the Sunday Schools, we believe there should be special training offered to Deacons and other lay members of the Church on stewardship, missions, etc.

Therefore, be it Resolved, That this Association memorialize the State Convention in session at Hattiesburg, Miss., to provide these teachers in the same manner and on the same basis as above workers are provided.

Adopted October 19th, 1924.

Resolution No. 2, by O. U. Sullivan

Be it Resolved, That the Greene County Association pledge the sheriff and other law enforcement officers the support of the Association in any effort they may put forth to enforce the prohibition laws in Greene County.

Adopted October 19th, 1924.

Resolution No. 3, Offered by Joe Walley as a Substitute for One Offered by R. F. Loftin.

Be it Resolved, by the Greene County Association, That the Executive Committee confer with the various churches composing this Association relative to the subject matter of the latter clause of the report of the Committee on Music, and submit its findings in the form of a report to the next annual session of the Association.

Adopted October 19th, 1924.

Resolution of Thanks

We, the messengers and officers of the Greene County Association, do hereby extend to the Sweet Water Baptist Church and community our sincere thanks and appreciation for the kind and cour-

teous treatment shown us while in their midst.

By the Committee.

J. E. MILLER, Chairman.
J. W. MILLS.
ALFRED SMITH.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REQUESTS AND NOMINATIONS

We find that four churches have invited the next session of the Association to convene with them, but agreeable to amendment of our report by the body, we recommend that the next session be held with the Royce Baptist Church, Royce, Mississippi.

We nominate Brother Joe Walley for member of the State Executive Board for the remainder of the term; Brother J. E. Miller as Messenger to the State Convention, and Rev. A. R. Loftin as Messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The above report was adopted and the brethren nominated therein were each duly elected October 19th, 1924.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Finance Committee, find that all the churches represented have contributed to associational expenses. We also find that the total amount contributed amounts to \$88.10.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. TURNER.
J. W. MILLS.
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GREENE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Greene County Association of Missionary Baptists.

Article 2. The object of this Association shall be to carry our Lord's command, viz: "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." And especially to promote the Sunday School cause, to encourage a deeper interest in our denominational schools and literature; to encourage temperance; to use our best efforts to preach the gospel to the destitute, and to further any and all worthy benevolent enterprises.

Article 3. The membership of this body shall consist of messengers elected annually by the churches belonging to the Association, with the pastors.

Article 4. This Association shall meet annually at a time and place decided upon at the preceding meeting.

Article 5. It shall be the duty of each church belonging to this body to elect and send annually three messengers, together with a letter containing such information as may be required to make up intelligible tables of statistics.

Article 6. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and a Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot and shall hold their office until their successors are elected, whose duties shall be such as develop upon such officers.

Article 7. There shall be a Mission Board, consisting of one member from each church belonging to this Association, such members to be appointed annually by the Moderator and approved by the Association.

Article 8. This Board shall meet while the Association is in session and elect its own chairman and secretary, and attend to any other business that may be necessary, and shall hold its meetings regularly thereafter on Saturday before the fifth Sunday during the year. This Board shall have power to transact all business relating to the objects for which this Association stands. Five or more shall be constituted a quorum to transact business at any regular meeting.

Article 9. This Association shall never exercise any ecclesiastical authority whatever over the churches.

Article 10. Corresponding messengers from other Associations and conventions of Missionary Baptists, and all brethren who may be invited to seats with us are entitled to all the privileges of the Association except the right to vote.

Article 11. Before the close of the meeting of the Association, the Moderator shall appoint a principle and an alternate to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next meeting of the Association.

Article 12. All questions coming before the Association shall be decided by a majority vote, except that it shall require a two-thirds vote to exclude a church, or alter the Constitution or Articles of Faith; and any such alteration shall be made only after one year's notice thereof has been given, it being definitely understood that Article 1 shall ever remain in full force.

Article 13. Every church belonging to this Association is expected to contribute regularly to the work of this Association, the contributing church or individual having the right to specify the object to which the contribution shall be applied.

Article 14. Every sitting of this Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost—equal in power and glory.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old Testament and the New were written by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity and man's inability to restore himself in the favor of God.

4. We believe that God chose His people, in Christ, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the undisputed righteousness of Christ.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the Truth; and as He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, all are required to obey.

7. We believe that good works are the fruit of faith, and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust, and the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that a visible church of Christ is composed of baptizd believers only, who are covenanted to keep up a discipline agreeable to the rules of the New Testament Scriptures.

10. We also believe that Jesus Christ is the only law given of His church and that the government is with the church each member

having equal rights therein.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only ordinances of the Church, and are to be continued until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12. We believe that immersion only is Baptism, and can be administered only by those duly authorized by the church, and that only believers in Christ are the proper subjects of the ordinance.

13. We believe that regularly Baptized believers only have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

14. We believe that the churches compose Christ's visible kingdom of the earth, and they are independent of each other; choosing their own bishops, and other executive officers, none of whom may lord it over God's heritage.

RULES OF DECORUM

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2. The first order of business shall be the calling of the roll of the churches composing the same and the enrollment of delegates representing them.

3. No delegates can be enrolled until they furnish evidence in writing from the church which they propose to represent, which shall be submitted to the Clerk.

4. No business shall be discussed by the body unless it shall have been brought up before it by motion sustained by a second.

6. The Moderator may correct any speaker for misquotation, personal reflection, or indiscreet language.

7. Any member feeling himself aggrieved by the ruling of the Moderator may appeal to the Association, when if it is sustained by a two-thirds vote, the Moderator's ruling shall be reversed.

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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES Organized	PASTORS and POSTOFFICE	CLERKS and POSTOFFICE	W. M. U. B. Y. P. U.										Home Purposes Contributions	75 Million, Mission Education Benevolences	Total Contributions	Value of Church Property
			Church Days	Baptisms	Total Membership	Number S. S.	Total Enrolled	Number	Total Enrolled	Organizations	Contributions					
Avera, 1919	J. L. Low Richton	A. B. Mills Avera	2	14	129	1	176	1	37	1	130.75	891.85	252.95	1,406.30	1,300.00	
Antioch, 1916	O. U. Sullivan Leakesville	Price Williams Leakesville	1	2	31											
County Line	J. M. Norsworthy Meridian	A. N. Smith Buckatunna	1	3	122							154.00		154.00	400.00	
Bethany	A. P. Mills Shubuta	Luther Williams Fruitdale, Ala	4	4	52	1	37	1	20			134.85	7.50	142.35	1,000.00	
Cedar Grove	Eugene Stephens Meridian	C. L. Kittrell Leakesville	4	3		1	40					300.00	30.00	330.00	1,000.00	
Fellowship	M. E. Hadden Leakesville	J. W. James State Line	4	2	44							80.00	5.15	85.15	700.00	
Johnson Creek	J. W. Singley Milry, Ala.	John Griffin State Line	3	15	95							207.17		207.17		
Indian Hill	W. T. Smith Ovett	E. C. Jones Richton, Rt. 1	4	6	26							176.00	3.75	179.75		
Leaf	L. K. Turner Beaumont	J. C. Daughdrill Leaf	2	4	50	1	53	1	44	1		467.77	30.00	497.77	2,000.00	
* Leakesville	O. U. Sullivan Leakesville	A. F. Cook Leakesville	2	1	135	1	70			4	282.41	1,835.25	497.41	2,615.07	5,000.00	
McLain	J. F. Starnes Purvis	D. D. Daughdrill McLain	4	19	149	1	85	1	25	2		378.00	50.25	474.25	1,000.00	
** Piave	A. R. Loftin McLain	Mrs. G. L. Smith Piave	4		106	1	70					460.00		460.00	1,000.00	
			3	13	72							403.00	10.00	413.00		
Macedonia	A. R. Loftin McLain	Gaines West Avera	4	19	149	1	85	1	25	2		378.00	50.25	478.25	1,000.00	
Pleasant Hill	J. F. Starnes Purvis	R. L. Walley Richton, Rt. 1	1		160							356.00		356.00	2,000.00	
Sand Hill, 1872	Eugene Stephens Meridian	J. W. Colbert Leakesville	4	2	108	1	95					387.08		387.08	1,000.00	
Sweet Water	A. R. Loftin McLain	P. L. Fineash Royce	1	13	35	1	72					204.00		204.00		
Royce, 1923	O. U. Sullivan Leakesville	J. W. Mills Leakesville	3	3	61	1	38					180.00		180.00	1,000.00	
Salem (East), 1914	W. T. Smith Ovett	J. C. Henderson Richton, Rt. 5	2	1	36							155.00	8.00	163.00	800.00	
Salem, 1909	Eugene Stephens Meridian	Y. D. Walley Leakesville	4	1	88	1	118					271.95	34.54		695.00	
Unity	C. M. Grayson Magee	H. N. Breland Neely	2	9	125	1	38					300.00		300.00	2,000.00	
Washington	B. A. Alsworth Denco	B. E. Albritton Denco	22	39	1	60	1	30								

** Church Days—First and Third.

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